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INTRODUCTION

The 2020 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services would normally consist of three on-site facility inspections; staff and youth interviews; and an audit of the state detention standards. Due to the covid-19 global pandemic, we conducted one on-site facility inspection, along with staff and youth interviews, an audit of the state detention standards, and conducted testing on the candlelight levels and ventilation in accordance to the standards requirement.

While the proposed Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards are in the process of being promulgated, Detention Facilities had the option to be audited on three hundred one (301) current detention standards or the corresponding two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards.

Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards in 2019, for their 23rd annual detention inspection. Of the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining two hundred and twenty-one (221) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance." Again, Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectation of the current detention standards. Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center chose to also provide documentation on the extra standards with exclusively new requirements. The breakdown of each audit listed below is only reflective of the current standards.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county:	Vigo
Governing authority:	Vigo County Sheriff
Name of facility administrator:	James R. Jenkins
Detention Director:	James R. Jenkins
Detention facility's mission:	To hold the detainees safely and securely until ordered otherwise by the court.
Rated capacity:	19
Population on date of first audit:	7
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	14
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	8
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):	Painted cells, replaced exterior cell window, repaired south wall, replaced radios, and remodeled intake bathroom.
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):	none
De-escalation techniques training:	Handle with Care
Physical force techniques training:	Handle with Care
Chemical agents permitted:	OC spray
Name of food service provider:	Vigo County Jail
Name of food service supervisor:	Bill Joy
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Dr. Quentin Emerson, Quality Correctional Care (QCC)
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Quality Correctional Care (QCC)
Education Services:	Education services are provided by Vigo County School Corporation. There are 5 licenses teachers on staff. Students are assigned courses on Connexus system based on a needs assessment and then placed in classes that are similar to the courses they are working on at their homeschool. The center offers a remedial reading program called Read Naturally Live when needed to build fluency.

Vigo County 2020 Audit

Standards:	<u>All Mandatory Standards, Security Standards, and Training Plan (8-3-52)</u>
On-site Visit Conducted: August 12, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty-One Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>16 Mandatory and 35 Recommended</u> • <u>1 Administration Standard, 7 Safety Standards, 23 Security Standards, 3 Food Service and Hygiene Standards, 15 Medical Standards, and 2 Mental Health Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 16 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 35
Auditors:	Rachel McCaffrey, Terrie Decker, and Kristin Herrmann (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by facility staff. This inspection focused on mandatory standards. Areas such as medical, janitorial closet, kitchen, visitation rooms, search areas, private interview rooms, youth rooms, youth living areas, personal and property areas, mechanical and safety areas were inspected. It was ensured that staff had access to the Emergency Manual.
Youth Interviews:	One male and one female were interviewed.
Youth Responses:	Neither youth felt unsafe in the facility and both felt comfortable in their environment. One youth even said that they liked being there because they do better in the facility's environment. Both youth did say they felt it was cold in the facility and one of them wanted warmer pants, because they were always cold. Both confirmed that there had been fire drills. Neither youth said that they were allowed to handle cleaning chemicals and when they were cleaning that staff supervised them.
Staff Interviews:	Two line staff were interviewed with one having control room experience.
Staff Responses:	Both staff were asked to describe the procedure of an emergency evacuation/drill. The staff with control experience said that control determines the count present in the building and ensures that the entire count is accounted for and in a safe area then they will leave control. The line staff said that control would release the youth and they would escort them from the building to a safe area and conduct count. Both listed the information kept in the permanent log to be anything the juveniles are doing, movement, eating times, showers, medical, and document something every fifteen minutes. Mechanical restraints are available, and approval is not needed but two to three officers should be present and discretion should be used and the director should be

	informed of their use. Both confirmed that they had received medical and mental health training and were training a couple times a year. Lastly, when it comes to youth detoxification, they do not accept youth detoxing from alcohol, opiates, and other stimulants. They should be cleared by medical.
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	Safety, Justice & Order, and Education Standards
Desk Audit Conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>70 Total Recommended Standards Audited</u> • <u>27 Safety Standards, 37 Justice & Order Standards, and 6 Education Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 69
Auditor:	Rachel McCaffrey
Youth Interviews:	One male and one female were interviewed.
Youth Responses:	Both youths confirmed that they had read and received the facility handbook. They felt that they understood the rules and punishments and felt that they were fair. Both had contact with their attorney, court official, or probation officer and said that their visit was made private. Neither youth had any comments about the education program, because they were waiting for it to begin on August 18 th .
Non-compliant Standards:	8-4-8
Recommended Action:	This standard was found in non-compliance because the facility exceeded rated capacity.

Standards:	<u>Food Service & Hygiene, Medical, Mental Health, and Program Standards</u>
Desk Audit Conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty-Three Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>16 Food Service & Hygiene Standards, 13 Medical Standards, 4 Mental Health Standards, and 20 Programs & Services Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 2 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 50

Auditor:	Kristin Herrmann
Youth Interviews:	One male and one female were interviewed.
Youth Responses:	They both had opposite opinions of the food. One said that they did not like the food at all, while the other said it was good. They both confirmed that they receive three, regularly scheduled meals a day with two of them being hot. Both said that they had received all necessary items during intake. They stated that they received clean bedding every four days and clean clothing every day. Nether had any concerns about their medical or mental health. They felt that they were taken seriously, it was presented in a way they could understand, and that it was kept confidential.
Non-compliant Standards:	8-8-2
Recommended Action:	This standard was found in non-compliance because there was no supporting documentation.

Standards:	<u>Administration Standards</u>
File Review Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sixty-One Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>61 Administration Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 2 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 59
Auditor:	Kristin Herrmann
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Was the facility required to implement a corrective action plan as a result of the audit? **NO**/YES

CONCLUSION

Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center chose to be audited on the proposed standards, which corresponds with the current (301) detention standards and received a score of 100% compliance with the mandatory standards and 99.07% of the recommended standards.

The facility received a separate scoresheet indicating their level of compliance with the new proposed detention standards.

Therefore, Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center is in compliance with the 2020 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services. A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing

Please contact me at (812) 929-3980 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)
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